

THE PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM | Endorsements

Joaquin Castro, State Representative for District 125, San Antonio, Texas

UTSA event Jan. 26, 2012 (ending with award by State Rep Castro)

My name is Joaquin Castro, state representative for district 125 in San Antonio and I enjoyed the presentation and speech very much and I want to thank UTSA and the Criminal Justice Department for bringing such a wonderful incredible person, somebody spreading the gospel of peace like Prem Rawat. Please give them a hand.

As somebody who has been in government—State Government—now for almost 10 years, I want to say thank you for spreading the word that we should never give up on people, that we should always believe that within people's hearts, there is a place for redemption and that that redemption can start with the self. And that for each of us, if we can find peace in ourselves, then it's more likely that we can find peace with each other. So thank you very much for those words.

I also want to present a resolution from the state of Texas, and a resolution—actually, a special honor, appointing Mr. Rawat, an Alcalde or, Mayor—honorary Mayor of San Antonio. The Mayor and the City Council send their regards and they welcome you here to our wonderful city. Thank you for the work that you've done with the inmates at the Dominguez Jail and for your continued work in helping all of humanity.

I'm going to read in part the state resolution that was prepared:

So, on behalf of the state of Texas:

Whereas, through its peace education program, the Foundation has enhanced rehabilitation efforts in correctional facilities around the world, including the Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio, the interactive, nonsectarian PEP workshops help individuals develop positive life skills and discover inner resources such as self worth and dignity; and

Whereas, for more than four decades Prem Rawat has devoted himself to uplifting others with his message of peace and his endeavors have contributed greatly to the wellbeing of countless people.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Prem Rawat be honored for his philanthropic achievements and that he be extended sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work.

Please.